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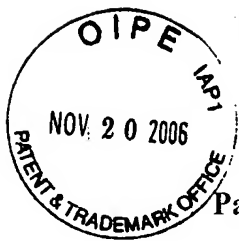
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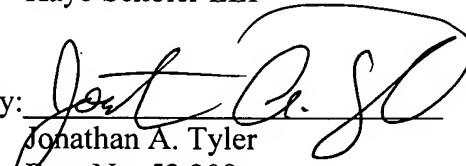
In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on August 23, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, applicants hereby submit the following:

The Examiner noted in the Reasons for Allowance that the term “marker” was given the scope of meaning disclosed in the Specification on page 12, line 19 through page 13, line 10. Applicant notes that the discussion in the Specification at page 12, line 19 to page 13, line 10 provides examples of a “marker” and examples of uses of the “marker”. Other examples of a “marker” and uses of a “marker” are provided in other portions of the Specification, such as at page 4, lines 6-10, at page 12, lines 6-10, at page 14, lines 1-15, and at page 18, lines 19-22.

The Applicant reserves the right to present a different claim interpretation than that asserted by the Examiner and to show that the claims are allowable for reasons other than that noted by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,
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